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Bridgeport Evening Farmer.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1914

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LAWLER, SWORN IN AS MAYOR OF HARTFORD, OATH BEING GIVEN BY FORMER MAYOR EDWARD L. SMITH

Ceremony At Conclusion Is Followed By Cheers And New Flag Is Swung Over City Hall

Mayor Cheney, Convinced Of Opponents Election, Writes Letter Of Resignation --- Lawler Makes Brief Speech, Promising To Keep All Of His Election Pledges

Hartford, April 9.—Joseph H. Lawler, Democrat, was sworn in as mayor of Hartford at 11 o'clock today. The inaugural was at city hall and the oath was administered by Judge Edward L. Smith, of the court of common pleas, who is an ex-mayor of the city. Usually the retiring mayor performs the service for his successor, but Mr. Lawler's friends were unable to get in touch with Mayor Louis R. Cheney at any time during the four days to prefer a request that he administer the oath.

Mayor Lawler's inaugural took place in the common council chamber and the large room was packed with spectators, among them many women and members of Mr. Lawler's family. Marshal Hart Talbot, re-elected on Tuesday, escorted the mayor-elect bearing the staff of office which has been handed down to successive Hartford mayors since the time of Thomas Seymour in 1784.

At the conclusion of the ceremony there was a burst of cheers and at the same time William P. Burns, custodian of city hall, raised a brand new flag on the staff surmounting the hall.

In a brief speech, Mayor Lawler thanked his friends for the interest shown in his candidacy and election and re-affirmed his pre-election pledges.

"I will do my whole duty as God gives me strength and put it before me in the light that should be done," concluded the new mayor.

A half hour's reception followed during which hundreds of persons greeted the youthful mayor by the hand and offered congratulations. Between the hours of 8 o'clock this morning and the time when Mayor Lawler was sworn in, the hall has been thronged with people. Alderman Malachi Hogan was at the head of the city government. At the former hour he was officially informed of Mayor Cheney's resignation by the latter's secretary and requested to act accordingly.

Mayor Lawler's first official act was the issuance of a call to the members of the common council to meet tomorrow.

McCormack Concert Ticket Sale Opens

Steinert & Sons Instructed to Bar Out Speculators—Public to Be Protected.

Orders for seats for the John McCormack musical recital at Poli's new theatre Sunday evening, April 26th, under the auspices of the Elizabeth Stetson Guild, which has been taken by Steinert & Sons, the local music house, 615 Main street. The public sale for the McCormack concert will not take place until April 16th. In the meantime, the handsome new Poli theatre is sure to be taxed to its utmost capacity. In order that none of the tickets may fall into the hands of speculators, Steinert & Sons have been instructed by the management to use every possible precaution for the purpose of seeing that the public is protected. The McCormack recital in this city will mark his final appearance in America for this season and the Elizabeth Stetson Guild, which does so much for charity, is to be congratulated upon its success in securing the great artist for Bridgeport, this being one of the few cities in New England lucky enough to secure him. Mr. McCormack's recent tour of Australia proved the greatest triumph ever accorded an artist, far surpassing the record of Melba, Cavalleri and Scotti.

Boy of Seven Found Drowned In Well

Brookfield, Conn., April 9.—Charles Beers, seven years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Beers, of Oubase district, near this place, was found drowned in a well on his father's farm. It is supposed that the boy attempted to pry the covering from an unused well and in doing so lost his balance and fell.

THE REDEMPTION AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

An elaborate musical rendition of "The Redemption," by Gounod, will be a feature of the Holy Week and Easter observances at the First Presbyterian church.

NARAMORE GRANTED DIVORCE; HAD BEEN MARRIED 43 YEARS

Frank J. Naramore, former collector of the port and member of one of Bridgeport's oldest families, obtained a divorce in the superior court today from Emma J. E. Naramore, whom he was married 43 years ago. Judge Joseph P. Tuttle granted the decree on the ground of desertion.

The plaintiff testified that he and his wife had not been congenial during the later years of their married life. Mrs. Naramore was never satisfied, the plaintiff said, and the couple had frequent disputes. Naramore declared his wife resented his attention to his children.

The final break came June 24, 1902, when Naramore's return from California. He had brought several presents for his family, including gifts for his wife and daughter. As the day of his arrival was also his daughter's birthday, he decided to go to her home in New Haven immediately to make the presentation. Mrs. Naramore appeared angry, the plaintiff testified, that her husband gave the presents to his daughter first. When Naramore returned from New Haven, Mrs. Naramore refused to accept her present and left the house in an angry mood. She never returned.

Special Deputy Collector of Customs Wallace A. Smith was a witness for the plaintiff. He declared Naramore appeared to be downcast at the desertion of Mrs. Naramore. The witness said Naramore was a man of the highest character.

Attorney Charles S. Canfield and Philip A. Holzer testified that Naramore did not live with his wife in the past three years.

Mrs. Naramore did not contest the divorce. She married Naramore May 23, 1871. Her maiden name was Emma Beers.

EX-GOV. DRAPER IS CLOSE TO DEATH

Greenville, S. C., April 9.—No improvement was evident today in the condition of former Governor S. Draper, of Massachusetts, stricken here with paralysis. Attending physicians would make no predictions but indicated they entertained grave fears for Mr. Draper's recovery.

Members of the family arrived today from Massachusetts. They announced that two physicians from Boston would reach the stricken man's bedside within a few hours to aid the four doctors now in attendance.

Mr. Draper's entire left side is affected and he is conscious only part of the time.

DEMAND ARREST OF SOMERS FOR SUBORNATION

Unexpected Development in Litigation Following Fatal Automobile Ride.

KLEIN OBJECTS TO PROCEDURE

Charge Made by State's Attorney Alling That Somers Tampered With Witness.

The arrest on a bench warrant of John L. Somers, the well known merchant in whose automobile Mrs. Helen M. Judd met her death, was demanded by State's Attorney Alling in the superior court on two charges of subornation of perjury. The alleged offense is based on the statement of Mrs. Coudere that Somers persuaded her to tell an untrue version of the circumstances of the fatal ride.

The fatality occurred on December 20, when Mrs. Coudere, Mrs. Helen M. (Watson) Judd, and Somers were returning from a belated automobile ride to New Haven in the course of which they visited a number of drinking places.

At the return, the auto and a trolley car collided. Mrs. Judd was killed. At the coroner's inquest Mrs. Coudere was an important witness.

Later Somers caused her arrest, alleging that she threatened to blackmail him. In turn she alleged that Somers volunteered to pay her if she would adhere to the untrue story she says he persuaded her to tell to Coroner Mills.

Application for the bench warrant for Somers, on two charges for subornation of perjury was made by State Attorney Alling to Judge Curtis in the superior court in New Haven today. Jacob Klein, for Somers, offered objection to such a procedure and after an argument, the court reserved decision. Somers has been bound over to the superior court in New Haven on a charge of manslaughter for being criminally responsible for the death of Mrs. Judd. Somers' case would be called during the present session of the court. Certain conditions having developed in relation to the case State Attorney Alling, through the use of a bench warrant now seeks to have Somers brought into court on the perjury charges.

Mr. Klein, in objecting to the motion of Mr. Alling, claimed that both the statutes and decisions in other states set out clearly that the state attorney must elect the charge upon which he would try a defendant. He did not claim the bench warrant could not issue. That was not the issue in this case. He did claim that the matter of issuing such a warrant was discretionary with the court. Mr. Klein claimed that two warrants could issue each with an information and the accused could be tried on each of the charges. This would insure a fair trial, he said, and the state attorney tried at one and the same time the interests of the accused would not be safeguarded.

Mr. Alling, in reply to the objection, said that the information is attached to the bench warrant which he sought to have issued and it set forth offenses of a like nature, growing out of the same transaction and the same time. He argued that the statutes say that issue may be joined. He also pointed out that the Massachusetts supreme court has held that subordination of perjury may be joined with another offense.

Respectfully,
(Signed) LOUIS R. CHENEY.

CHRISTOPHER FLANAGAN, WELL KNOWN RESIDENT, DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Christopher Flanagan, a well known and highly esteemed resident of the East Side, where he lived for many years prior to taking up his residence at 510 Wood avenue, died early this morning after a short illness from the ailments of advancing age. He was 67 years old and had been an employee of the Wheeler & Wilson, Singer factories for over 40 years. His loss will be felt keenly, not only by those who worked with him but by members of the Foresters of America and the New England Order of Protection with whom he was fraternally connected.

Mr. Flanagan came from Ireland to this country when but a youth and had always made Bridgeport his home. Besides a widow, Ann Flanagan, he is survived by two sons, Michael J., assistant clerk of the superior court, and George; five daughters, Minnie, Catherine, Eleanor, Rose and Bessie; and three sisters, Mrs. James Keefe of this city, Mrs. Mary Burns and Mrs. Mary O'Brien, both of New Britain.

Mr. Flanagan was one of the leading members of St. Mary's R. C. parish, in East Bridgeport, when the present church of that congregation was built. He was one of the most loyal supporters of the church, and for many years among its best known members.

Though never active in seeking office he had been a loyal life-long Democrat. His demise was a distinct loss to the many who have been associated with him.

DANBURY HAT FACTORY DAMAGED BY FLAMES

Danbury, April 9.—Fire and water damage estimated at \$2,000 was caused by a fire today in the factory of the Dan Hat Company, which flames originated from an overheated pipe from the boiler room. The firemen confined the fire to the roof where the flames were discovered. The principal damage was caused by water.

The building is owned by C. A. Selfert. The property is fully insured.

POPE SENDS PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE AS HIS EASTER MESSAGE

London, April 9.—The Pope's Easter message of peace to the world is transmitted from Rome to the London Standard. His Holiness acquiesced in the publication of the message, which follows:

"The message of the church to the world at Easter is an eternal one. It is this: Christ Has Risen. But, though the message is the old one, it has its application always to the new events, hence it is a message which always has new force.

"Christ rose to bring peace to the world. It is thus the duty of his followers to strive to bring about peace. I pray, and I desire all should pray, that this Easter may bring peace to all the world.

"In our minds there rises, first of all, thought of two regions of the earth which most of all, at the present time, stand in need of this blessing, the Balkans in the Old World, Mexico in the New World.

"May Easter bring them peace, may all who control the destinies of nations work to this end.

"And with this peace may there come the inspiration into the minds of all men, and especially of those who are the ideal, which alone is the guarantee of universal peace, should we, 'Instaurare aeternam in Christo.' Let all things be founded in Christ."

DOCTORS USE KNIFE ON SWEDEN'S KING

Stockholm, Sweden, April 9.—King Gustaf, of Sweden, was operated on today at the Sophia hospital here and the surgeons found that he was suffering from extensive ulceration of the stomach.

The operation, which was superintended by Prof. John Wilhelm Berg, lasted two hours. It was announced afterward that the royal patient's condition was as satisfactory as could be expected although he was weak.

The queen occupied an apartment in the hospital during the operation and will continue to reside there till his majesty is convalescent.

HARUKO, LATE EMPRESS OF JAPAN, DEAD

Tokio, April 9.—The Dowager Empress Haruko died at the Imperial villa at Namazu today.

Following the usual custom in the case of the death of a member of the Imperial family, the official announcement of the event will not be made until the body has been transferred to the capital, which is expected to take place tomorrow.

Her Majesty passed away suddenly in the presence of Emperor Hoshihito, the empress and other members of the royal family who had been summoned to the bedside.

The patient had developed deceptive symptoms. She displayed increased vigor and asked for food. A short time afterwards she became unconscious. The doctors in attendance applied restoratives but without avail and she died without recovering sensibility.

Her Majesty had been suffering for a considerable period from angina pectoris but the official diagnosis declared the cause of her death to be Bright's disease.

The late Dowager Empress Haruko of Japan was the widow of Emperor Mutsuhito, who died in 1912. Her imperial majesty was born May 28, 1859. She was a daughter of a nobleman, Ichijo Tadado. In 1889 she was married to the late emperor and was declared empress.

Passed by the side of her husband, she passed through the troubled period of the transformation of Japan at the beginning of Mutsuhito's reign. She saw him transfer his capital from Kyoto to Yedo which was later renamed Tokio. She watched with curious interest the opening of the country to foreign commerce, its departure from old world customs and adoption of modern civilization. She waited in the imperial palace news of the Japanese armies at war first with China and then with Russia and saw, in fact, the complete evolution of Japan into a world power.

Haruko was simple in her tastes. She presided over court functions with dignity, on most occasions wearing simple dress, especially when she came into contact with Americans or Europeans. Occasionally, however, when the function was purely Japanese, she resorted to the picturesque costume she had worn in her youth.

The dowager empress was greatly affected by the death of Mutsuhito, after which she fell ill and suffered for many months from an affection of the heart.

KILLS HIMSELF TO GET EVEN WITH GIRL

New Haven, April 9.—Thomas Aldridge, aged 27, committed suicide at his boarding house today by taking poison. He left a note in which he said:

"Miss Ellen King is the cause of my troubles. I will get even with her this time. I want this in the paper. My home is in Oxford, Pa." The Miss King referred to lives in this city.

WATERS-PIERCE OIL REFINERIES IN FIRE ZONE

State Department Fears Property Will Be Destroyed in Tampico Battle.

LIVES OF FOREIGNERS ARE NOT ENDANGERED

Refugees Unable to Board American Warships Because of High Seas.

Washington, April 9.—State department officials said today that foreign property, especially the oil plants in Tampico, were in grave danger from the fire of the federal and rebel armies but there was thought to be little danger to the lives of foreigners in the trouble zone.

Concerning conditions in Tampico, the state department issued this statement:

From Vera Cruz, wireless reports on Tampico indicate that the situation as regards foreign property is complicated and serious. The Waters-Pierce oil refineries have been occupied by attacking forces during the last two days and as a consequence have been under fire from the federal gunboats in the harbor. Loss of the entire property is feared. The warehouse of the American Consulate, a German property, were burned with a loss of \$500,000.

AMERICANS RELEASED
From Ensenada it is reported that the situation at Mazatlan is tranquil. Five Americans arrested at Vera Cruz in connection with the Tampico situation were released today. A consular report from Torreon says: "Very good order" has been re-established there.

Brig. General Hugh L. Scott, at El Paso, reported to the war department by wireless today that fighting was said to be in progress at San Pedro and Parais but he gave no details.

The Red Cross today called upon Dr. Stephenson, head of the El Paso chapter, for supplies for the needs of the Spanish refugees just arrived there.

TAMPICO BATTLE RAGES
Over night despatches to the navy department from Rear Admiral Fletcher reported fighting still in progress at Tampico without advantage to either side. On account of a heavy norther, Rear Admiral Mayo was discouraging refugees from going aboard ships there.

Admiral Fletcher sent this report received from Admiral Mayo yesterday afternoon:

Mayo reports fighting continues with no change except that the gunboat Zaragosa is assisting the Vera Cruz in shelling Arbol Grande. On account of a norther and no advantage in the campaign, Mayo is discouraging refugees from coming on board. Have received few on Des Moines alongside dock. Reports circulated on shore that American battleships are supplying arms to the rebels.

MAY LOAD TRANSPORT

The Admiral added that he had directed Admiral Mayo to give refuge to Americans and other foreigners on American vessels. The department today suggested to Admiral Fletcher the possibility of taking the marines off the transport Prairie at Vera Cruz and sending that vessel to Tampico to receive the refugees, who cannot be cared for on the other ships without more or less inconvenience.

It is about settled that, if an additional ship is sent to the east coast, to take the refugees, who cannot be cared for on the other ships without more or less inconvenience.

SENATORS PROTEST LIST OF BANK SITES

Washington, April 9.—Debate over the selection of the twelve regional reserve cities for the new federal banking system was resumed in the Senate today. The discussion followed the calling up by Senator Hitchcock of his resolution, providing for the organization committee of the federal reserve board submit all its data and the resolutions upon which the fixing of reserve districts was based. The introduction yesterday of the resolution followed a hot debate participated in mostly by southern Senators over the selections of Atlanta and Dallas as against New Orleans.

Senator Randall, of Louisiana, is authority for the statement that an attempt would be made to have the reserve board overrule the selections of the organization committee.

HYDRAULIC CO. SEEKS TO CONDEMN REDDING LAND

The Bridgeport Hydraulic company brought proceedings in the superior court today asking for the appointment of a referee to fix the value of property in Redding owned by Emory P. Sanford. The company desires this property for its Hemlocks reservoir and has been unable to agree today with Sanford on the price.

Tuttle assigned April 21 as the date for a hearing on the petition.

Captain A. S. Bishop Dies In 85th Year

New Haven, April 9.—Captain Albert S. Bishop, veteran commander of the Sound steamers and his whole life a seafaring man, died today here at his home of his son. He was in his 85th year.

He had been with the Norwich, New Haven and Starin lines as captain of the City of New York, Continental, C. H. Northern, City of Lawrence, Mohawk, City of Boston, Erasmus Corning and Matteawan. He was a native of Madison.

FIRE DESTROYS STORE AND TENEMENTS; LOSS \$20,000; FIREMEN HURT

VETERANS RECALL LEE'S SURRENDER JUST 49 YEARS AGO

Members of Grand Army Exchange Reminiscences at Headquarters.

Thomas W. Flint Tells How Orderly Drove Out From Court House With Tidings.

Veterans of the Civil War gathered in the G. A. R. rooms in the Sturdevant building today to exchange, with much zeal, reminiscences of the Civil War. "Today is the 49th anniversary of the surrender of Lee to Grant at the Appomattox court house, the end of the Civil War."

While a single Bridgeporter could be found at headquarters today who was on the scene of the surrender, at the McLean house, there were several who were stationed almost within a stone's throw of the scene, and the stories of these men were eagerly sought by their comrades.

George Sanger, for some time the acting leader of the Wheeler & Wilson band, was on the scene of the surrender, when he noticed smoke issuing from the building, and ran back to the third story, occupied by the family of I. Dombé. He routed these tenants out, and by that time the store was as dense with smoke that he dared not return. He left \$150 in the cash register and he believes he left his safe unlocked.

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ELLIOTT TO CONFERENCE ON TROLLEY LINE TRUSTEES

Washington, April 9.—Chairman Elliott of the New Haven Railroad is expected at the department of justice tomorrow to discuss the personnel of the boards of trustees which are to take over the Rhode Island and Connecticut trolley systems now owned by the New Haven.

Fire smouldering in the cellar of a three story wooden building, at 272 Pine street, broke forth so suddenly during the noon hour today that before firemen could check it, the flames had enveloped the whole building. It burned nearly three hours.

The loss, chiefly on the stock of a dry goods store on the first floor, will reach \$20,000. It is partly covered by insurance. The building is almost a total loss.

Michael Bain, chauffeur for Assistant Fire Chief Johnson, was rescued from the building after a fall down a flight of stairs, by Police Sergeant James O'Neil and Patrolman Kane. He was painfully but not dangerously injured. He is at his home.

Several other firemen were slightly injured by falling glass breaking from both the burning building and from adjoining structures.

An emergency hospital was opened at Duka's drug store, nearby, and here the injured firemen were given restoratives and bandages.

The ruined building is on the north side of Spruce street, the second structure west of Hancock street. It is one of a familiar type of building in this section, the first floor used for business purposes, the second and third for tenements.

Charles Mellitz had just completed his Easter stock, and dressed his windows lavishly for the trade. Gorgeous Easter bonnets, lace, velvet, plumage and artificial flowers were on display.

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